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Subject: Former Sears Retail Store and Auto Service Center Brownfield Cleanup Project, City of Detroit, Assistance ID No. BF00E40101-0, Second Quarterly Report for Period October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008.

Dear Mr. Didier:

The City of Detroit is pleased to submit the second quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 (Quarter 2). If you have any questions, you may contact me at (313) 471-5108.

Sincerely,

Raymond A. Scott, MPH
Manager II

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cc: Willa Williams, Interim Director

U.S. EPA Brownfield Quarterly Progress Report
Reporting Period: October 2008 – December 2008

Assistance ID No.: BF00E40101-0

Project Name: Former Sears Retail Store and Auto Service Center - City of Detroit

Grantee Name: City of Detroit

1. REPORT:

1.0 Former Sears Retail Store and Auto Service Center Cleanup Project

1.1 Summary

The purpose of this project is to conduct environmental cleanup activities at the Former Sears Retail Store and Auto Service Center property, at 10750 Grand River Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. The cleanup area was the site of the former Sears Retail Store and Auto Service Center (Sears), a retail store, auto service center and associated gas station; that operated from 1950 until 1983. The property has been vacant since the Sears buildings were demolished in 1983. The redevelopment plan includes the development of commercial (retail) and residential housing. The following activities were completed during this reporting cycle: 1) prepared and submitted the application for Section 106 Review to the State Historic Preservation Office; 2) held a public meeting to discuss the proposed cleanup; 3) finalized the Community Relations Plan, Remediation Plan, and ABCA; and 4) Initiated and completed cleanup activities under the USEPA grant.

1.2 Modifications

No modifications to the Work Plan were encountered during this reporting period.

1.3 Status of Activities During Reporting Period

During this report period, the following project activities were performed:

- Prepared and submitted the application for Section 106 Review to the State Historic Preservation Office. The application was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office on November 7, 2008;
- Held a public meeting to discuss the proposed cleanup with the community on October 9, 2008;
- DEA accepted and addressed all of the public comments received as a result of the public meeting and distribution of the work plan, ABCA and Community Relations Plan;
- The Community Relations Plan, Remediation Plan, and ABCA were finalized.

- DEA submitted the Remediation Plan and received a letter of acknowledgement from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on December 1, 2008;
- Action Memo/Record of Decision document was developed and included in the Administrative Record.
- Cleanup activities were completed under the USEPA grant;
- Cost share for on-site activities include installing a fence, roads, excavation, backfill, etc.

1.4 Activities planned for next quarter:

The next report period, the following activities will be performed:

- Prepare the draft Final Report;
- Update the Administrative Record; and
- Update data in the USEPA ACRES system.

1.5 Problems Encountered/Assistance Needed

No problems were encountered during this reporting period.

1.6 Deliverables/Work Products

Weekly status reports were provided by DEA's contractor. No other deliverables were drafted during this quarter.

2.0 Challenges/Success:

2.1 Challenges:

No challenges were encountered during this reporting period.

2.2 Successes:

Site cleanup activities are complete. DEA was able to leverage over \$217,000 as a cost share to the EPA grant to complete the cleanup at the Former Sears Site.

3.0 Budget:

3.1 Summary of Expenditures:

A total of \$61,788.20 was expended during this report period.

3.2 Explanation of Cost Overruns:

There were no cost overruns during this report period.

3.3 Changes of Key Personnel:

Mrs. Willa J. Williams has replaced Dr. Vincent R. Nathan as the new Interim Director of DEA.